AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 7 to 17 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 1 illustrates a block diagram of a system 100 where an exemplary embodiment of the present invention may be practiced. The system 100 includes a management node 110 interfaced with one or more networks 140. The networks 140 may be connected to each other or only connected to the management node 110. Each network 140 may include ~~includes~~ multiple nodes 120 and communication paths 122 (e.g., a network backbone and the like) connecting the nodes 120. The management node 110 may be connected to each node 120 for managing each network 140. For example, the NMS 130 executing on management node 110 may provide the capability of monitoring, troubleshooting, and/or diagnosing each of the network nodes 120. The management node 110 may retrieve information from the nodes 120 for purposes of monitoring the networks 140. This may include conventional techniques, such as polling or transmitting data from the nodes 120 at scheduled times.

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 21 to 29 with the following amended paragraph:

The status level of the nodes and other attributes of the nodes 120 may be stored in the node database 210. The status level may be determined by a baselining technique, described in U.S. Patent No. 6,633,834 ~~copending U.S. Pat Application No. TBD, Attornet Docket No. 10006651-1~~, herein incorporated by reference, or conventional techniques, such as monitoring Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) status messages from the network nodes 120. Although only one attribute 330 is shown in the display 300, other attributes may also be utilized by the display module 250. Also, the list of filter types 320 shown in the display 300 is not exhaustive, and one of ordinary skill in the art will readily recognize that other filters 310 may be utilized by the display module 250 to create and display a node view.

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 17 to 24 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 5 illustrates an exemplary method for creating a node view. In step 510, a user, such as a network administrator, selects one or more filters 310. For example, a network administrator may select Internet Protocol (IP) routers having a "major" status level. In step 515, the selected filters are applied to the node database 210. For example, the display module 250 receives the selected filters from the filter module 240 and retrieves the nodes 120 that meet the criteria of the selected filters. Information for each node 120 that is an EP router having a status level of major or greater (i.e., a status level of major or critical) is retrieved from the node database 210.